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The Majority.

[From the New York Journal of Commerce.]

There are a great many people among us who still imagine that our Government is a Government of majorities, and who think that the only correct principle of popular government is that of the majority rule. The recent discussion in the United States Senate on the case of Mr. Stockton, contributed to that idea, several radical Senators talking a deal of nonsense about the American principle of majorities governing. The recent aspect of affairs at Washington should be sufficient to show the most thoughtless of Americans that the theory of our Government is not based on the absolute rule of the greater number of voters. The President vetoes a bill passed by both Houses. The power is admitted. His veto is lawful. Every one knows that the President may be, and he has heretofore been, elected by a minority of the voters of the people. But the bill goes back to the United States Senate. It is there a question whether two-thirds of the Senators will vote to pass the bill over the veto. They vote and pass the bill. It is plain enough that if two Senators from Rhode Island had, in place of voting for the bill, voted to sustain the veto, it would have been sustained. Now here is a question of vast importance, in which it is possible that two Senators may determine whether this shall be law or not. We see that they had a gubernatorial election in Rhode Island a few days ago, and the entire vote in the State was about ten thousand voters only, whose two Senators have determined one of the most important questions ever before Congress. Can not the simplest mind perceive in this, how wholly different is our government from a government of mere majorities?

But is it right that these ten thousand men in Rhode Island should hold such an immense proportion of power at Washington? Of course it is right. It is the noble feature in our Constitution. The framers of that instrument, the founders of our great Union, never intended that the idea of a mere majority rule should be part of the system.
Nor is the idea of the right of a majority to rule founded in reason or in common sense. To those men who believe in a "natural right of suffrage"—an absurdity which has been ascribed to some extent of late—it may seem a necessary consequence of their belief that a majority of votes should govern. But such is neither the teaching of nature, nor the law of God, nor the deduction from historical experience. There is no reason or sense in arguing that five weak men have the right to rule four strong men, because there are more of them. A larger number does not imply more brains, more experience, more wisdom, more judgment.
And looking at the vote in the Senate on Friday last, the truth is apparent, that although more than two-thirds of the Senators voted to pass the bill over the veto, these Senators do not represent even one-half of the people of the United States. Taking these facts into consideration, it is tolerably clear that we are not governed on the majority principle.

In the present struggle, the Administration will be sustained by the sympathies and the support of all friends of constitutional liberty, and of that cardinal principle on which the federation of the States was originally founded—the union of "local self-government with aggregate strength." President Johnson's opposers proceed upon the opposite principle of consolidation, to the destruction of local self-government. This is illustrated in the Civil Rights Bill lately passed, and of which the veto message declares:
It interferes with the municipal legislation of the States, with the relations existing exclusively between a State and its citizens, or between inhabitants of the same State—an absorption and assumption of power by the general government which, it acquiesces in, must sap or destroy our federative system of limited powers, and break down the barriers which preserve the rights of the State. It is another step, or rather stride, toward centralization and the concentration of all legislative powers in the national Government.

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JOHN O'DONOVAN, Secretary.

MARTIN BERRIGAN, Sergeant-at-Arms.

mh 20-1w

ALEXANDRIA CANAL COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the Alexan-

dria Canal Company, will be held in the Com-

mon Council Chamber, in the city of Alexan-

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a. m. [ap 5-did] K. JOHNSTON, Pres.

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mh 27-3m

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NOTICE.—ROBERT I. SMITH, ATTOR-

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aug 10-1w

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sep 30-1w

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